



**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q61531

Tasuku HONJO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/674,379

Group Art Unit: 1647

Confirmation No.: 7110

Examiner: Christopher J. NICHOLS

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For: A NOVEL POLYPEPTIDE, A CDNA ENCODING THE POLYPEPTIDE AND
UTILIZATION THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
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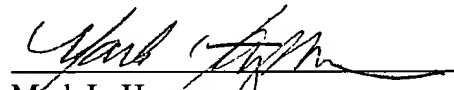
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 18, 2003, from November 18, 2003 to December 18, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$110.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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